

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Examiners Amendment***

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiners amendment was given in a telephone interview with Catherine Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) on January 9, 2009.

Claims 17, 18, 29 and 33 are canceled.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 10, 13, 15, 19, 20, 25-28, 30-32, 34-37 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 10, 13, 25, 26, 27 and 28 are allowable over the prior art of record because none of the prior art of record teaches the combined claimed elements as set forth in the claim 10, 13, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

None of the prior art of record teaches or fairly suggests that image processing apparatus for coding a plurality of image data corresponding to plurality of viewpoints that 2-dimensional display image generating method coding means for coding a 2-dimensional display image generating method representing how 2-dimensional display

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image is generated from joined image data, joined image is generated according to an arrangement position of the image data that should be joined and an inversion direction of the image data that should be joined, and together with combination of other claimed elements as set forth in the independent claims 10, 13, 25, 26, 27 and 28. Therefore, the claims 10, 13, 25, 26, 27 and 28 are over the prior art of records.

Claims 15, 19, 20, 30-32, 34-37 are allowed because they are depended on independent claims 10, 13, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delay, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reason for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RANDOLPH CHU whose telephone number is (571)270-1145. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:30 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on 571-272-7778. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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